

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2005

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. on January 20, 2005, in the City of Carlsbad Faraday Center, 1635 Faraday Center, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila
Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
John Christensen
Chuck Collins
Robert Fuselier
Bob Gates
Ginna Reyes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Hugh Lyttelton
Tom Ricotta
Howard Williams

Members present did represent a quorum.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Floyd Best
Olivier Brackett
Pete Drinkwater
Dee Dee Phillips
Willie Vasquez
Steve Cummings

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Finnila requested staff contact Supervisor Horn's office regarding the position Hugh Lyttelton held, which was the Noise Control Hearing Board representative. The position can either be eliminated completely or be reassigned as a "Member at Large".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the month of November 2004 were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Phyllis Trombe announced on behalf of the Palomar Pilot's Association that a ***Runway Incursion Safety Seminar*** will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 in a hangar at Western Flight, from 7PM to 9PM. The seminar is coordinated with the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) visit by the FAA. RSAT will be evaluating Palomar to determine if there are runway incursion safety needs for on airport activities. Those interested can register on line at **faasafety.gov**.

ELECTIONS

Ramona Finnila and Bob Fuselier both chose to seek the position of Chairperson. Ramona Finnila will be the Chairperson. Tim Hutter (the incumbent), Bob Fuselier and Ginna Reyes both chose to seek the position of Co-Chairperson. A second vote for Co-Chairperson was necessary due to a tie between Tim Hutter and Ginna Reyes; Tim Hutter will be the Co-Chairperson.

U.S. CUSTOMS

Ms. Reyes reported that the steering committee for obtaining U.S. Customs Service at Palomar Airport succeeded in obtaining a letter of support from Gov. Swartzenegger. This letter will enable the committee to go forward with the submission of the packet to Washington D.C. for approval. This is necessary because the service is classified as a ***User Fee Customs Service***. Senator Duke Cunningham's office has assured the committee of support and will oversee the application while it is under consideration. The steering committee plans to submit a packet to the Board of Supervisors simultaneously for approval. It is anticipated that the item will appear on the February agenda. The members of the steering committee are: Frank Milian (Jetsource), Martha Greenlaw (Magellan), Karen Phillips (U.S. Customs and Border Protection), Tim Caulder (County Airports) and assisted by associates of Foley and Lardener. There were several others that assisted and supported the group. This service will greatly benefit airport users, businesses and the community. The tentative start date for service is July. The County will provide start up funding, and the service itself will repay the County within two years.

CITIZEN SUPPORT GROUP "FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM"

Ms. Carroll gave a brief presentation to the PAAC. The purpose of the program is to encourage and support the existing ***Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures*** (VNAP) currently in place. The program intends to continue

dialogue with the community, pilots, F.B.O.'s, FAA, PAAC and the County of San Diego. Educate all parties of coexisting in a **Fly Friendly** community to promote safety, quality air travel and community lifestyles. Embracing the spirit of the program is "the right thing to do."

100% improvement is not expected, the goal is to get a higher level of compliance with the existing **VNAP** and have pilot's take responsibility for their own compliance. The County will maintain the program. Funding will be determined. Changing attitudes, embracing success and being accountable to try to reduce the noise. The results of the success will be a quieter community, pilot's will be credited with immediate gratification for making a difference and the County will gain recognition for Palomar Airport as a bench mark for success of **VNAP**. The City can boast a **Fly Friendly Program** as part of attracting new business, residents and tourists.

Community education is a necessity. **VNAP** is **voluntary**. Ms. Trombe will briefly present to the pilots the **VNAP** logo with the procedures at the **Runway Incursion Safety Seminar**. Signs and fliers will shortly follow.

The web site address loudairport.com was briefly discussed. Ms. Carroll stated that once PAAC adopts a **Fly Friendly Program**, visitors to the site will be redirected to a new web site.

Mr. Best reminded the PAAC that five communities are impacted by the airport. All communities, Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos and Encinitas need to be addressed in the **Fly Friendly Program**.

Concern has been expressed about the misconception Bressi Ranch developers had about the operating hours of the airport. The developers have since corrected the statement of airport operations (7/24/365) and the acknowledgement of the admonishment to buyers that an airport is here and they would be subject to over flights, sites and sounds of aircraft.

Mr. Fuselier suggested that other aviation organizations be informed of the **VNAP** if not already and update any of their publications to reflect the procedures.

Mr. Brackett stated that the County will provide \$500.00 for the program and is currently working on a graphic design. A graphic design will be created to identify the program. The recognizable design will be used and advertised in hopes of continuously and visually reminding pilot's to follow the **VNAP**. Fliers will be generated to introduce the new campaign and remind pilots of the **VNAP** already in place.

Ms. Finnila stated that the program must be presented as a document with all elements defined before it can move forward. All aspects of the program

including funding; those involved; those affected; and responsible parties for continuous upkeep or maintenance must be clearly stated. The creation of the document should involve PAAC members, County members, airport businesses, airport users, pilots and residents of all communities affected. The task will take time to create and document.

The document will be comprised of five different aspects: logo design; methods of pilot outreach; creating an accepted existing baseline; and public outreach to surrounding communities. The order of the five elements is revolving. Logo design is already underway. Subcommittees will be formed to spear head each element, starting with “**WHO**.”

The “**WHO**” subcommittee will be assigned the task of determining “**WHO**” will be responsible for each of the different aspects of the “**Fly Friendly Program**.” Bob Fuselier will chair the subcommittee; Ginna Reyes; Chuck Collins; Tim Hutter and Gail Carroll.

PART 150 PRESENTATION BY URS

Mr. Fuller reported that the Noise Compatibility Plan (**NCP**) will be sent for review by the FAA in early February. The **NCP** should achieve the goal of reducing noncompatible land use around the airport, prevent introduction of new non-compatible usage and minimize noise. There are no residences located in the 65 CNEL. The **Part 150** process and the NCP is not a means of eliminating airport noise, it is to maintain compatibility and to try to minimize noise impact to the extent possible under the criteria established by the FAA.

The measures that are recommended as a part of the NCP have to quantify a benefit. The FAA will not allow any measure that violates its policies and does not have a quantified benefit. The **NCP** can not reduce the level of aviation safety, adversely effect proficient use and management of navigable air space, and not conflict with FAA programs, standards or requirements. The one requirement that will never be accepted is the transfer of noise from one location to another.

The **Part 150** requires that certain general measures be considered. Several other measures under consideration were taken from the **PAR 2000** report, the **1995 Part 150** report, and public comment.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS ISSUES

Mr. Brackett reported monthly operations for December were 14,410, bringing the total number year to date 207,956, which is up for the first time in three years. Air carrier enplanements 4,237. Annual air carrier enplanements year to date 52,583. The local transient traffic breakdown for the month of December was 4,794 itinerant, 9,616. IFR traffic 3,994 and VFR traffic 10,416.

Noise concerns for the month of December, 75 calls. The number year to date 1,532. Ratio of concerns to operations for the month of December, 1 call; 192 operations. The majority of calls during the month of December were south/west from the airport. 48 of the calls concerned jet operations, 25 for propeller operations, and 2 for helicopter operations. 20 of the concerns were for operations between 0700-1700. There were 2 concerns for operations between 1700-2200 and there were 53 concerns for operations between 2200-0700.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Drinkwater briefly reported on the PAC, LLC. development updated timeline. The end date has not changed. Jetsource now has a projected completion date of May 2005, due to: weather; soil issues; ramp paving issues; and hangar deck elevations. Magellan is currently on schedule. The North side ramp time line schedule is correct. All of the development projects are progressing with minimal interruption.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Best was happy to report that the new long term parking lot is being utilized with favorable response. The upcoming development projects may cause some access inconveniences for airport users. But staff will do its best to accommodate everyone. As each issue arrives it will be presented and discussed.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2005

The Carlsbad City Council Chambers renovations may not have finished. The meeting will be scheduled to be held at the Faraday Center.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Ramona Finnilla, Chairperson